Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Regarding the occasional complete overhauling of the telephone system is the Hon'ble Member in a position to inform the House whether it is an annual feature of the system.

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* It is not an annual feature. Invariably telephones are overhauled periodically and now it has become necessary to get the whole system overhauled because we are not able to get new machines.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* When was it done last time?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* It is a day to day repair.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Then it was done yesterday?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* It must have been done even yesterday.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether there were other bidders for higher prices for the timber sold to B. B. C?

Demands put and carried

The House adjourned for lunch at 1-30 p.m. and re-assembled at 2-30 with the Hon'ble Deputy President in the Chair.

61.	**Rs. 27,500**	**under**	**"12—1—Forests—A1(a)2"**	
62.	**Rs. 3,81,645**	**„**	**do.**	**A1 (b)"**
63.	**Rs. 120**	**„**	**do.**	**A2"**
64.	**Rs. 14,226**	**„**	**do.**	**A4 (a)"**
65.	**Rs. 3,822**	**„**	**do.**	**A5"**
66.	**Rs. 200**	**„**	**do.**	**B7/2"**
67.	**Rs. 6,280**	**„**	**do.**	**B8 (a)"**
68.	**Rs. 12**	**„**	**do.**	**B11"**
69.	**Rs. 381**	**„**	**do.**	**B12"**
70.	**Rs. 500**	**„**	**do.**	**B15"**
71.	**Rs. 2,656**	**„**	**do.**	**B16"**
72.	**Rs. 1,400**	**„**	**do.**	**B17"**
73.	**Rs. 1,000**	**„**	**do.**	**B18"**

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 4,39,742 as pendiate heads. Under "12—1—Forests—(A)1(a)2" an amount of Rs. 27,500 is required to pay the collection charges on 4,000 tons of Tramway fuel at Rs. 9 per ton and also towards the cost of sleepers. There was an original budget provision of Rs. 17,500 only. This additional allotment asked for is to pay the excess charges which is mainly due to the increased cost of labour which is required for the collection of the fuel. The next item is for Rs. 3,81,645 under "12—1—Forests—A1 (b)", which includes mainly the collection charges of timber from the hill paddy areas. When the original budget was framed, it is thought that the Hill Paddy Department which was then in existence, would undertake the collection work for the Forest Department. But now the work of collection has been transferred entirely to the Forest Department and the provision then made was found to be insufficient.

Under "12—1—Forests A2" a sum of Rs. 120 has been provided for opening two checking stations along the routes where they do not at present exist.

Item 64, A 4 (a), the amount of Rs. 14,226 demanded is required for the purchase of two lorries sanctioned by the Government for the transport of timber and fuel for essential purposes.

Item 65, Rs. 3,822 under "12—1—Forests A5". This amount is to provide for housing facilities for the additional field staff employed in connection with the hill paddy collection works.

Item No. 66, Rs. 200 is provided towards the travelling allowance of additional staff. Rs. 6,280 under "B8 (a)" is towards the payment of dearness allowance to the additional staff employed. Rs. 12 under "B11" is towards cleaning charges of the plantation bungalow for which there was no provision during previous years. Under "B12", Rs. 381 is for the payment of rents on buildings which have been rented to house the additional staff. Rs. 500 under "B15" is for the purchase of service labels. Rs. 2,656 under "B16" is towards office expenses including lighting charges and maintenance charges of the lorries. Rs. 1,400 under "B17" is towards the cost of maintenance of a bund at the Ernakulam Depot tank and the cost of purchase of uniforms required for the additional staff. Rs. 1,000 under "B18" is required towards the printing charges of the additional Care Forms and other printed forms that are required. The total additional allotment applied for amounts to Rs. 4,39,742. Here, I would take the opportunity to clear a misapprehension that is obvious from the dissenting minute of Mr. Bhaskara Menon in the Standing Finance Committee's note. He has said that a very substantial portion of the timber should be made available for the people of this State and unless this is done, the additional allotment will

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not be justified. I may assure the House that the requirements of the people of this State are primarily considered as most important and anything that is not required by th people here, alone is being given to outside parties.

Demands put and carried

74. Rs. 150 under "17A Law and Justice—Temporary Establishment"

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 150 under "17—A—Law and Justice—Temporary Establishment" This amount is required to meet the salary of a temporary clerk appointed for the Government Pleader's Office, Ernakulam, to cope with the extra work owing to the pendency of a large number of execution petitions. This amount is to meet his salary.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I wish to point out that the work of the Government Pleader at Anjikaimal is increasing, because the Government have taken up the administration of several estates. Therefore, all the execution petitions pending in the Munsiff's Courts are transferred to the Anjikaimal District Court.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* They are mostly execution petitions under pauper decrees. The Government Pleader has not begun to attend to the work of the estates. This temporary clerk happened to be appointed to cope with the additional work on account of the pendency of execution petitions in pauper decrees.

Demand put and carried

75. Rs. 60—under "17—A—Law and Justice—Office expenses"

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 60 under "17—A—Law and Justice—Office Expenses." This amount is required to carry out essential repairs to the typewriter that is being used in the Government Pleader's Office.

Demand put and carried

Legislative Business—Government Bills

The Cochin Cattle Trespass Act (Amendment) Bill—*(cont.)*

Mr. Deputy President: The discussion on the third reading of the Cochin Cattle Trespass Act (Amendment) Bill may be continued.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* We were discussing the question whether it is necessary to delete the Magistrate's functions from the chapter "Complaints of Illegal Seizure and Detention" and give it to the Tahsildars. A point was raised whether that was absolutely essential and all that. Of course, Government do not think it is absolutely essential to change. There is no harm in continuing it. Therefore that amendment, "clauses 10 to 12 of the bill, may be deleted" has been tabled. I am also going to move an amendment to clause 4. In clause 4 substitute the following for the existing clause:

"In section 6 of the Act for the words 'District Magistrate' in the two places where they occur the words 'Diwan Peishkar,' and for the words 'such Magistrate' the words 'Diwan Peishkar' shall be substituted."

That is only a verbal amendment. I am now upon clause 4.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I am glad that the Government have accepted their mistake.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is not a question of accepting the amendment.

We do not think it necessary. I said we were at that stage. Now we are on clause 4.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* That is only rectifying a printing mistake.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* It is only to correct a printer's mistake.

Amendment put and carried

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The second amendment is to delete clauses 10 to 12. There is no objection to retain what it was there. We do not want to have any change at all.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second the amendment and in doing so I wish only to bring to the notice of the House one fact. The Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi was saying that he is thankful to the Government for the Government realising its mistake. I cannot question that statement, because you find that the Government adopted that attitude simply because there was no unanimity of opinion among the non-official members last time. The Hon'ble Member for Kunnamkulam said that the amendment as it stood was more acceptable. When he made a point of that the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur said that that was

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